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IDENTICAL LETTERS DATED 8 AND 9 JUNE 1998 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

By order of my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a letter addressed to you by His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ali Sulaiman AL-SAEID
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Annex

Identical letters dated 8 June 1998 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Kuwait addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

I should like to draw your attention to a statement made recently by the Vice-President of the Republic of Iraq, Mr. Taha Yassin Ramadhan, which called into question Security Council resolution 833 (1993) concerning the demarcation of the boundary between the State of Kuwait and Iraq, and which was followed by another statement affirming that Iraq distrusted the resolutions establishing international legitimacy, on the grounds that the Security Council had never before in its history adopted any resolution on the demarcation of the boundary between two countries and that the issue was a matter of national sovereignty that came within the competence of the two neighbouring States.

Statements of this type represent a serious threat to the sovereignty, security and integrity of the State of Kuwait. They reveal both the persistence of Iraq's hostile intentions towards the State of Kuwait and its real attitude towards the Security Council resolutions concerning its aggression against my country, as well as its obstinacy in continuing to flout the will of the international community.

In this connection, it should be emphasized that the demarcation of the coordinates of the boundary between the State of Kuwait and Iraq was effected accurately and faithfully by the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Boundary Demarcation Commission, on the basis of the agreements concluded between the two countries and of the records, evidence and documentation submitted by each of them, as reaffirmed in Security Council resolution 833 (1993), by which the Council endorsed the outcome of the Commission's work and considered that outcome to be final.

In expressing my country's concern about and reprobation of the content of these dangerous statements, I call upon the international community to take practical measures of deterrence to guarantee the inviolability of the boundary approved by the Security Council in its resolution 833 (1993) and the full implementation of all relevant resolutions of the Council.

Considering the extremely serious implications of these official Iraqi statements for the security and stability of my country and of the entire region, I hope that this letter will be circulated to friendly States Members of the United Nations as an official document of the Organization.

(Signed) Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber AL-SABAH
First Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister for Foreign Affairs